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GVN OBSERVER MISSION, IN ADDITION TO TWO COMMUNICATIONS
REPORTED REFTELS, HAS TRANSMITTED TO SYG WALDHEIM LETTER FROM
GVN FOREIGN MINISTER DATED JANUARY 20. TEXT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM,
I HAVE THE HONOUR TO CALL YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION AND THAT
OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF DANGEROUS ACTS OF WAR BEING PRESENTLY
PERPETUATED BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AGAINST
THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, ON VIETNAMESE TERRITORY AND IN
VIETNAMESE TERRITORIAL WATERS.

SUBSEQUENT TO ITS UNBOUNDED CLAIM - AS PUBLICIZED ON
JANUARY 11, 1974 IN PEKING - OF SOVEREIGNTY ON THE VIETNAM-
ESE ARCHIPELAGO ON HOANG-SA (ALSO KNOWN AS PARACELS, AND
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LOCATED BETWEEN MERIDIANS 111 AND 113 EAST, AND

PARALLELS 15.45 AND 17.05 NORTH),
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ON JANUARY 17, 1974 AND THE
FOLLOWING DAYS, SENT AN IMPORTANT VAVAL TASK-FORCE COMPOSED
OF 11 VESSELS OF VARIOUS TONNAGES, INCLUDING TWO MISSILE-
SHIPS OF THE KMAR TYPE, TO THE HOANG-SA AREA, APPROXIMATELY
170 NAUTICAL MILES OFF DA-NANG.
HOSTILITIES STARTED ON JANUARY QON QOUR AT 8:29 HOURS
(LOCAL TIME) AFTER A CHINESE LANDING PARTY HAD OPENED
FIRE ON VIETNAMESE TROOPS ON THE ISLAND OF QUANG-HOA (ALSO KNOWN AS
DUN-
CAN, 10.42 EAST, 1627 NORTH).

AT THE SAME TIME, COMMUNIST CHINESE VESSELS ENGAGED
VIETNAMESE VESSELS STATIONED IN THE AREA, CAUSING
HEAVY CASUALTIES AND MATERIAL DAMAGES.
ON JANUARY 20, 1974, COMMUNIST CHINESE WARPLANES WHICH AHD
BEEN OVERFLYING THAT AREA ON PREVIOUS DAYS, JOINED THE ACTION AND
BOMBARDED VIETNAMESE POSITIONS ON THE ISLANDS OF HOANG-SA
(PARCELS) CAM-TUYEN(ROBERT) AND VINH-LAC (MONEY).
AS OF THE WRITING OF THIS LETTER, CHINESE TROOPS HAVE
LANDED ON ALL THE ISLANDS OF THE HOANG-SA ARCHIPELAGO, AND
THE CHINESE VAVAL TASK-FORCE SEEMED PREPARED TO HEAD FOR
THE TRUONG-SA (SPRATLEY)
ARCHIPELAGO.

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ENENTE SHOW THAT THE PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA IS ENGAGING IN AN AGGRESSION ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS,
AGAINST AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE, WITH THE AIM OF OCC-
UPYING AND ANNEXING BY FORCE OF ARMS TERRITORIES WHICH ARE
AN INDIVISIBLE PART OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. ON THIS
POINT, I WISH TO REFER TO MY NOTE VERBALE OF JAN-
UARY 16, 1974, IN WHICH I DETAILED UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE OF
VIETNAMESE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLAND PRESENTLY UNDER ATTACK
BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

IN BRINGING THE ABOVE TO YOUR ATTENTION, THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ONCE AGAIN AFFAIRMS ITS FAITH IN THE UNITED
NATIONS AND ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PURPOSES AND
PRINCIPLES ENUNCITED IN THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATIONS.
IT VIEWS THE COMMUNIST CHINESE AGGRESSION AS A SERIOUS
BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, THREATENING THE IND-
EPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF SMALL
NATIONS EVERYWHERE AND PARTICULARLY IN ASIA.
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THEREFOREN I KINDLY REQUEST THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ARTICLE 99 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, YOU
DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO THE GRAVE SITUATION
CREATED BY THE ACTION OF THE POEPL'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SINCE JAN-
UARY 11, 1974 IN THE HOANG SA (PARCELES) ARCHIPELAGO AREA.
FOR ITS PART, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
ACCEPTS IN ADVANCE THE OBLIGATIONS OF PACIFIC SETTLEMENT
PROVIDED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

I ALSO REQUEST YOU TO KINDLY HAVE THIS LETTER CIRCULATED
TO ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ALL STATES MAIN-
TAINING A PERMANENT OBSERVER TO THE ORGANIZATION.....
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